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Whereas there are many Acts of State, as well as Notices which regard the private Interest of the Subject, the Promulgation of which is often retarded longer than the Nature of them will admit: It is thought fit, that the Gazette *shall, for the future, be Publish'd three times in the Week,* viz. *on* Tuesday, Thursday *and* Saturday; *beginning on* Saturday *next.*

At the Court at St. James's, June 16, 1709.

PRESENT,

The Queen's most Excellent Majesty in Council.

UPon reading this Day, at the Board, the humble Petition of the Justices of Peace for the County of Middlesex, at the General Sessions of Peace for the said County, representing to Her Majesty the great Wants and Necessities of several thousand Germans of the Protestant Religion, who being oppress'd by the Exactions of the French in their own Country, have fled for Refuge into this Kingdom, and must have perished, had not Her Majesty's Generous and Seasonable Bounty subsisted them: And humbly offering that for their further Relief and Subsistence, a Brief may be issued for the Collection of the Charity of well-disposed Persons within the said County, Her Majesty out of Her Tender Regard and Compassion to those poor People, is pleased to condescend thereunto, and to Order that the Rt. Hon. the Lord High-Chancellor of Great Britain do cause Letters Patents to be prepared, and passed under the Great Seal, for the Collection of the Charity of all well-disposed Persons in all the Churches and Meetings, and otherwise within the said County of Middlesex, for and towards the present Subsistence and Relief of the said poor distressed Protestants.

John Povey.

The following Petition has been presented to Her Majesty by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Sunderland*, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the QUEEN's *most Excellent Majesty.*

The humble Petition of your Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Middlesex*, at the General Sessions for the Peace for the said County, held at *Hicks's* Hall on *Tuesday* the 7th of *June*, 1709.

Sheweth,

THAT *we being informed that several thousand* Germans *of the Protestant Religion, oppressed by Exactions of the* French *in their own Country, have fled for Refuge into this your Majesty's Kingdom of* Great Britain, *who must have perished, had not your Majesty's generous and seasonable Bounty subsisted them, and being sensible that they labour still under great Wants, and stand in need of further Relief for their Subsistence, do therefore crave leave to offer to your Majesty our humble Opinion, That a Brief for the Collection of the Charity of all well-disposed Persons in all the Churches and Meetings, and otherwise within this County, as soon as your Majesty shall think fit to grant it, will be effectual to raise a considerable Sum for their present Relief.*

All which we humbly submit to your Majesty's great Wisdom. And we shall, as in Duty bound, ever pray, &c.

The following Address has been presented to Her Majesty by the Right Honourable the Earl of *Sunderland*, one of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

To the QUEEN's *most Excellent Majesty.*

The humble Address of the *French* Churches of *London.*

MADAM,

IT *is three Years since your Majesty was graciously pleased to declare, in answer to an humble Address from us, That you were sensibly touch'd with the unhappy Circumstances of the persecuted Protestants of* France, *and would have it in your Royal Thoughts to take effectual Measures, in Conjunction with your Allies, to redress that Calamity.*

We do not presume to approach the Throne of your sacred Majesty, as diffident or forgetful of a Promise so worthy a Great and a Protestant Queen.

Those Expressions of your Majesty's Goodness are deeply imprinted in our Hearts; in them we have ever since placed all our Joy and Hope; they have been the Comfort of our Brethren that are Prisoners in Dungeons, of our Confessors who are Slaves in the Gallies, and of all who suffer for a good Conscience under an oppressive Government.

Our Brethren in foreign Nations send Deputies to beseech your Majesty's Protection: But we approach at this time your Majesty only to return our Thanks, and express our Gratitude in the most respectful manner.

Your Majesty's great Piety has prevented any present Petition from us; your Majesty having, in Imitation of Providence, whose Instrument you are, granted before we have asked; and without an Application from us, in behalf of the Reformed of the French *Nation, we receive the joyful Account that this has been most particularly recommended by your Majesty to your Ministers in the Treaty of Peace.*

May Heaven continue to bless your Arms, favour your great Designs, and long preserve your Person, for the Tranquility of the Church, the Happiness of Europe, *and the Joy of your People.*

Milan, June 7. N. S. Several Princes of Italy have agreed to pay Contributions to the Imperialists; and it is not doubted but the rest will soon comply with the same Demand. Letters from Naples say, that 3000 of the new Levies, which are come by Water to Manfredonia, from the Frontiers of Austria, arrive daily in that City, and that their other Troops were marching to their respective Rendezvous. They apply themselves with all Diligence to the refitting of the Men of War, Gallies, Tartanes, and other Transports which lye in the Harbour of Naples, in order to assist, as it is said, on an intended Expedition on Sicily. These Letters add, that Cardinal Grimani had appointed Commissioners for Inspection into the vacant Bishopricks of that Kingdom. They write from Leghorn, that Admiral Whitaker sailed from that Port, with the Squadron under his Command, on the 30th of the last Month. We are advised also by the way of Genoa, that he was arrived at Vado, to take in the Troops appointed for the Service in Catalonia. A Felucca of Cagliari, which came into Genoa, has brought an Account that there were in that Port 12 Barks of Catalonia, which are to transport 200 Foot and 300 Horse for the Service of his Catholick Majesty.

Berne, June 12. N. S. The Diet of Baden has not yet taken any Resolution in the Affair of Tockenbourg. This Canton and that of Zurich require, that the Abbot of St. Gall should restore all the Places of which he is possessed on the Frontiers of the County of Tockenbourg; but he declares against that Demand, and hopes to be supported by the Popish Cantons, who insist that the Affair ought to be determined by the Plurality of Voices of the Deputies; but the two Cantons above-mentioned maintain, that it should be decided by the ordinary Course of Justice and Equity; and have thought fit, on this Occasion, to order their Militia to be in a Readiness to march on the first Notice. The Count de Trautmandorf, Ambassador from the Emperor, not being able, by reason of a present Indisposition, to attend the Diet in Person, hath appointed a Deputation to support the Interests of the Abbot of Saint Gall. It is said, these Deputies have presented a Letter from